(c) whether Government have taken any steps against those companies who are harassing the labourers/workers; and

(d) if no action has been taken the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) It is not correct to say that conditions of workers working in companies are very critical. However complaints are received and inspections are carried out to get the irregularities rectified.

(b) Since March 2003 two letters have been received from Members of Parliament. In one case a request has been made for re-instatement of a worker in service. The other case relates to non-payment of dues in case of one worker. Both these establishments are located in Delhi. The Government of NCT of Delhi is the appropriate Government in the matter. These representations have been forwarded to the Government of NCT Delhi for appropriate action under the relevant labour laws.

(c) and (d) The Government of NCT of Delhi takes appropriate action under the relevant labour laws against the employees in case of non-compliance of the statutory provisions.

No buyers for PSUs

*412. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry have sent back proposals of eight Public Sector Undertakings to Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises because there was no buyer for the same;

(b) if so, the names of these undertakings; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to decide future of these undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. These PSUs are listed below:

1. Praga Tools Ltd. (PTL)
2. Bharat Pumps and Compressors Ltd. (BPCL)

3. RBL
4. Bharat Brakes and Valves Ltd. (BBVL)
5. Scooters India Ltd. (SIL)
6. Bharat Leather Corporation (BLC)
7. National Industrial Development Corporation (NIDC)
8. Hindustan Cables Ltd. (HCL).

(c) 1. The performance of Praga Tools Ltd. (PTL): Performance of PTL is under watch to decide on its future. Meanwhile, the Government is providing budgetary support to finance the payment of salary and wages and also to implement Voluntary Retirement Scheme.

2. As regards Bharat Pumps and Compressors Ltd. (BPCL), the Government has approved "in principal" the financial restructuring of the company linked to successful joint venture formation.

3. In respect of RBI and Bharat Brakes and Valves Ltd. (BBVL), the operations of both these PSUs have been closed and official liquidators are being appointed.

4. The disinvestment process in the case of Scooters India Ltd. (SIL) could not be pursued and the case was returend by MODI intimating that the case could be taken up for disinvestment only after the automobile market improves.

5. In the case of M/s Bharat Leather Corporation (BLC), the permission of the prescribed authority to wind up the company is being sought. Most employees have been given VRS.

6. In the case of National Industrial Development Corporation (NIDC), the Company has applied to the prescribed authority for permission to wind up. Most employees have been given VRS.

7. In the case of Hindustan Cables Ltd. (HCL), the company is under BIFR. An operating agency has been appointed. It has been directed by BIFR to prepare a rehabilitation plan for HCL.